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HURST TEXAS

POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Topic: Rabies Incident

On July 31, 2014, a Hurst resident in the 700 block of Willow Drive reported that their family cat dragged into their home two dead bats. Subsequently, one of the bats tested positive for rabies through the Texas Department of State Health Services laboratory in Austin, Texas.

Vaccination of all cats and dogs is required by state law and is the first line of defense against human infection. We urge every cat and dog owner to have their animals vaccinated and to keep vaccinations up to date. Please see your veterinarian for more information on rabies vaccination.

Hurst Animal Services is reminding residents that anyone who has contact with wild animals should use caution. Carefully observe any pets that may have been in contact with any wild animal. Residents are advised to always keep their pets under personal control and observation when out-of-doors.

Anyone observing any animal they suspect to be rabid should avoid contact. Common symptoms of rabies include, but are not limited to: lethargy, fever, vomiting, anorexia, full or partial paralysis, seizures, excessive salivation, and aggression, difficulty breathing or swallowing or other abnormal behavior.

Anyone believing they have observed or come in contact with any animal they believe may be rabid should contact the Hurst Police Department at 817-788-7180 or the Texas Department of State Health Services Zoonosis Control Program at 512-776-7255.

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